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## A REAL CIRCUS.

### Ringlings' Beaten; They'll Have to Come Again.

Mexico had acirc Monday, and the parade was "over two miles long." There were all kinds of attractions and doings. It beat Ringling and that famous showman will have to come again if they wish to hold the record of "The Greatest Show on Earth."

The circus Tuesday was all given by home talent—the training by the Willing Workers of the Christian church. To appreciate the show you should only have to see it—Great.

The parade thru the streets in the morning was up-to-the-minute.

The performance at night brought big crowds. Thirteen hundred seats had been provided and it was soon seen that they were not near enough to seat the immense crowds and the property managers skirmished about and increased the seating capacity at the last. The biggest crowd ever.

Grown-ups vied with children to entertain and amuse and they "sure" did it.

## DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The fourth annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for the Audrain district met with the Culver Union last week, at Pleasant Plains church, south of Vandalia.

Mrs. J. H. Lane of Mexico was re-elected president; Mrs. John Quaintance, of Laddonia, vice-president; corresponding secretary, Miss Lena Shannon, Corresponding Sec'y, Mrs. Elizabeth Clark; treasurer, Mrs. Kate Peterson.

The Vandalia Mail in speaking of the meeting says:

This closed one of our best conventions. In the evening we had a Baby Contest, nine children sweetly speaking with pleading voices for the uplifting of humanity. While the judges were rendering their decision, Miss Helen Million of Mexico delighted the audience with a beautiful solo. Little Lillian Wright was awarded the prize, a beautiful W. C. T. U. ring.

Hon. E. A. Shannon then addressed the audience. The house was packed, yet he held them in close attention for an hour, as only a true, religious temperance man, pleading for the purity of the nation, can do.

## TEACHES AT THOMPSON.

Miss Ruth Rouse, a 1915 graduate of McMillan, started her school at Thompson August 30. Thirty pupils enrolled the first day. Some much needed improvements have been done on the school building. We predict a successful work at Thompson for the teacher and pupils of Sims school.

## \$20 SUITS made to order.

EVANS, The Tailor.

Petitions are in circulation asking Gov. Major to appoint Mrs. Nettie Stephens to succeed her husband, J. W. Stephens, as Recorder of Audrain County. Mrs. Stephens is well qualified. She was a teacher for several years, having taught in the Mexico Public Schools part of that time. She would fill the place admirably, we are sure. The Message hopes to see her get the appointment.

The Message was glad to make the acquaintance of J. R. Hodges this week. He lives seven miles northwest of Vandalia, just over the line in Ralls county. He is in a fine farming section. He says wheat in his locality made from 20 to 35 bushels to the acre and oats from 25 to 50.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Newgent of near Molino are home from a visit to relatives in St. Joseph, Mo., and in Wisconsin. Cold and frosts up north. They were glad to get back to good old Audrain, best country on earth.

Albert Erdle looked in upon the Message a few days since.

Miss Nellie Kysar, north part of the county, has enrolled at McMillan.

F. M. Shoup of near Rush Hill beamed in upon the Message a few days ago.

A. C. Whitson who has been suffering from blood poisoning is able to be around again.

G. M. Day left yesterday for a month's visit with his three sisters at Martinsville, Ill.

Wm. Skelly and family of St. Louis visited relatives in Mexico and north-east of town last week.

Enrollment in McMillan High is nearing 350. Largest enrollment in the history of the school.

Miss Fannie Wakefield is spending a month among relatives and friends at Hatton and Auxvasse.

E. Mryin, out toward Benton City, was a pleasant caller at Message headquarters few days since.

Miss Cattie Woolery, near Thompson, visited her former teacher in this city last week, Mrs. Dan Roberts.

Men's Balbriggan two-piece Underwear and Union Suits @ 32c suit. THE ENTERPRISE STORE.

That excellent fellow, Geo. W. Russell, down Benton City way, made the Message an agreeable call the other day.

Mrs. W. R. Stuart of Fort Collins, Colo., is visiting the family of R. H. Stuart and other relatives in this county.

A. B. Smith of Boonville was in Mexico Monday shaking hands with old friends. He is looking healthy and happy.

The lost black hat advertised in the Message was found by Mrs. Mattie Miller of Benton City. An ad. in the Message does it.

The Sophomores disown that little paddling episode on the northeast corner of the Square Monday. Next time, boys, cut your "initiations" out.

Miss Josephine Bell, south of New London, in Ralls county, is here to enter McMillan High School. She will make her home with her aunt here, Mrs. Frank Neeley.

We are sorry to hear that our young friend, Fletcher Powell, is ill and confined to his bed. The world needs you Fletcher, hope you will soon be able to be around again.

CALL on MRS. BESSIE TRIMBLE for your stamping, and embroidery and crochet work. Her fine display in the Trimble window on South Washington St. attracts attention.

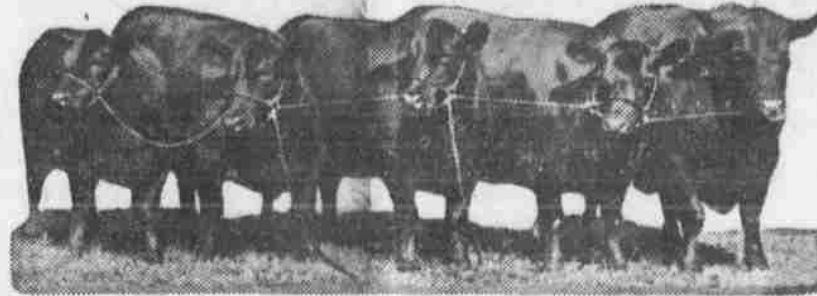
W. T. Norheutt, out beyond Thompson, was in to see the Message a few days ago. We were glad to make his acquaintance. He is one of the substantial farmers out that way.

## CENTRALIA WOMAN DIES.

Centralia, Mo., Sept. 7.—Mrs. Louvina C. Potts, 70 years old, died at her home last night, after a long illness. She had resided in and near Centralia for 60 years.

W. J. Crow and A. E. F. Jacobs of Farber attended the Postmasters' Convention in Mexico Tuesday. They made the Message a pleasant call. Mr. Crow is postmaster at Farber and Mr. Jacobs is one of his rural carriers. Both most excellent fellows, too.

## BEEF BREED CATTLE FIND MANY ADMIRERS AT THE MISSOURI STATE FAIR AT ALL TIMES.



Much of Missouri's wealth is traceable to the beef cattle industry for which it has long been famous. The solid beef breeds brought back to the farmer, when marketed, the money that enables him to expand his holdings, to build more and better barns and houses, and still the beef breeds are supreme in Missouri, where they rove in knee deep grass. At the Missouri State Fair at Sedalia each year the beef breeds are seen at their very best and the prizes and trophies that will be carried away from Sedalia as the results of exhibiting there from September 25 to October 2 will be worth any beef breed owner and exhibitor's time.

## HAZEL ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Crawford and Miss Edna May have gone West for a month's visit. Hope they may not decide to locate there, they would be greatly missed by many friends here.

Mrs. Joe Ware gave the young people of the neighborhood a lawn social Saturday night. Miss Lillie Elliott presided at the punch bowl. Mr. and Mrs. Ware know how to show the young people a good time.

The annual Eller reunion met with Geo. Green and family Aug. 28-29. They meet with Walter Beckley and family near Laddonia next year.

Miss Nora Keithley visited Miss Anna Crawford last week.

Misses Eunice Threlkeld, Eula Crews, Elizabeth Dillard and Messrs. Marcellus Threlkeld, Cecil Crews of Beaver Dam visited Edna and Rudolph Greer and attended the lawn party at Mrs. Ware's. Frank Crawford of Chicago is spending a vacation with the Wares. Frank is somewhat of a fisherman. Several from here attended a lawn social given by Mr. and Mrs. Porter Cauthorn at Molino Monday evening. A good time.

Andrew Cauthorn is at Excelsior Springs, receiving treatment for rheumatism. Hope he may be benefited. Jim Elliott and son visited Mr. Coleman and Miss Lillie Elliott.

Revival meeting will begin at Bethel the 3rd Sunday.

We regret to hear of the death of J. W. Stephens, our Recorder, and extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

## OMAR SPURLING DEAD.

Omar Spurling, 25 years old, died at his home about 12 miles northeast of this city Sunday night, of a complication of diseases, says the Centralia Guard. He is survived by his wife and one child, also by four brothers, Onie Spurling of Colorado; Ira Spurling of Higbee, and Arthur and Thomas Spurling of this place. He was a good citizen and a good neighbor and his untimely death is a cause for great sorrow and regret among those who knew him.

\$20 Suits made to order. EVANS, The Tailor.

Mrs. John Barnaby has returned from a delightful visit with friends in the vicinity of her old home north of Mexico. She was royally entertained by Mrs. J. T. Kyser and others. Mrs. John W. Ellis served a three course dinner Friday with Mrs. Barnaby as the guest of honor.

Rev. J. C. Handy, former pastor of Mexico Methodist church, later pastor for two years at Fulton, was transferred at Chillicothe last week to Cape Girardeau. Rev. and Mrs. Handy are two of the most scholarly and efficient workers that ever grace the work for Christian cause.

The two Methodist churches of Wellsville are petitioning their respective conference—that they may unite as one body. Wise idea.

## NORTH MOLINO

There was no preaching at Mt Zion Sunday. Rev. Arvin declined the call as pastor, to accept half time at Hopewell.

Mrs. Earnest and children of Mexico spent several days last week with Will Heizer and wife.

Messdames Byers and Lowder of Mexico were Sunday guests of Mrs. Lon Heizer.

Mrs. John McGee of Mexico who has been at the bedside of her sister Mrs. Lum Cauthorn returned home Sunday. Mrs. Cauthorn remains very ill.

Thomas Barnett, wife and daughters, Misses Laura and Byrd of Mexico were guests of Will Heizer and wife Thursday.

The small child of Robt. McPheeters and wife is ill with flux at the home of Mrs. McPheeters father, Thomas Hendrix. Mrs. Hendrix also has flux but is some better at this writing.

Miss Gertrude Allen of St. Louis who has been the guest of relatives here for several months has returned home.

Will Heizers new dwelling is about completed.

Dr. J. F. Flynt is sporting an auto.

Miss Lucy Weaver and Mrs. Mead Tanner of Mexico were guests of Miss Leota Weaver Saturday.

Mrs. James Camplin of Santa Fe was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John Heizer, Thursday night Mrs. Heizer and daughter accompanied her home Friday and stayed until Monday.

Mrs. W. B. Marshall of Mexico was the week end guest of Miss Leota Weaver.

## WEST DULY

A series of meetings began at Sunrise church Monday evening; 'twill continue into next week.

The Sunrise Missionary girls will begin the first of this month the education of a Chinese girl in Nankin, China. The girls have a good work.

Mrs. San Duly who was buried at Sunrise Sunday afternoon was the last of the charter members.

Rain may delay hauling of grain. Bill Miller had a good mule killed by lightning Monday afternoon.

Mrs. B. F. Winn went Tuesday to Callaway Co. to attend a tent meeting. Duly school opened Monday with good attendance, with Miss Bessie Day in charge.

Regret the death of J. B. Stephens.

## MINISTERS RETURNED.

The Methodist conference at Chillicothe returned Rev. A. B. Culbertson to Mexico as Presiding Elder. Rev. S. W. Hayne is returned to the work as pastor in Mexico, and Rev. Henry Neighbors will be pastor in charge for the Mexico Circuit.

All men of the highest type. Mexico is glad to have them again.

The Message, with the entire citizenship of the County mourns the untimely death of J. W. Stephens.

## POWELL FORD.

Grain most all threshed. Good yield of oats.—several crops, 58 bu. to the acre. Wheat, 15 to 25 bu.

Mr and Mrs. McMurtry entertained relatives from Wichita, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Newberry visited his sister of Benton City this week.

M. N. Powell and sister attended the burial of Mrs. Duly at Rising Sun.

J. B. Stephens formerly taught school at Carter and he had many friends in this neighborhood. We sympathize with the family in their sad bereavement.

At the protracted meeting begun at Rising Sun church Monday the regular pastor will have charge. We trust all may go and that there may be a good meeting.

Several culverts are in need of repair—one especially bad close to the Geo. Johnson house near Barnes Ford.

Milford Berry is building a garage. Sanford of Mexico is on the job.

## STOCK AND FARM NEWS.

Sheep prices remain high. A Howard county farmer has been offered \$8 per head for a bunch of feeding ewes.

"If a nice rain happens along now I ought to have a nice stand of alfalfa in a few days," said Frank Elliott, near Strother, Saturday to a Paris newsman. "I've just finished sowing 18 acres, using four bushels of seed that cost me \$12.50 a bushel. The ground was broken in June and was worked down to a good, mellow seedbed that was free of grass and weeds. If that alfalfa does not do well I'll always think it should have."

Mrs. Herndon near Centralia is a successful live stock woman. She is feeding 65 cattle for the Christmas market. She harvested 100 tons of hay this year.

It pays to hog down corn. This has been shown by Mo. Agricultural Experiment Station and profitably done by large numbers of feeders. The main advantages are: (1) the hogs make rapid and more economical gains; (2) it saves the labor of harvesting; (3) the manure is returned to the land without loss and without labor; (4) the place of feeding is more sanitary than the ordinary feed lot; (5) the grain is harvested without waste.

"Yes, I'm building up a herd of Jerseys along with my full blood Herefords and I will tell you why," said George Hall of Monroe County, to the Paris Appeal. "The Jerseys or any other good milk cow, for that matter, will connect you with a piece of money two or three times a week. Times such as we have been having, when most people are borrowing the money they spend, it has been fine to take cream to town twice a week and go home with a snug bunch of money in your pocket. I bought a separator, of course. It gets more cream out of the milk and saves the women a lot of hardwork. Funny that more people don't buy separators and turn to dairying on a small scale, now isn't it?"

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EVANS, THE TAILOR.

Furnished rooms with bath for school girls. Close to school. Apply at Message office. 2w

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Hon. Champ Clark made a great speech at the Mexico Court House Tuesday afternoon. He talked to the postmasters and dealt with present day issues.

The Farmers' picnic at Gant Tuesday was a great success. Near 2,000 persons heard the speech by Hon. Champ Clark. John D. Orear, our Minister to Bolivia, also spoke. There was also other high-class entertainment.

An ad. in the Message is what accomplishes what is desired. C. A. Witherspoon of St. Louis visited his family in this city first of the week.

## A SUDDEN DEATH.

J. W. Stephens, County Recorder, Passes Away.

J. W. Stephens, County Recorder, took ill only about a week since and Tuesday morning of this week he had passed to the Great Beyond.

His affliction was stomach and bowel trouble, the direct cause of his death being the rupture of a blood-vessel over the heart.

He was a devoted Methodist. The funeral will be held at the Mexico Methodist church this morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Stephens was a native of Callaway County, born near Concord June 22, 1861. He was a teacher in the public schools of Audrain for a number of years.

On January 27, 1897, he was married to Miss Nettie Givens. The wife and four children survive him. The children are: Ellen, Mary Lee, Emmett and Burch.

Mr. Stephens was elected Recorder of Deeds of Audrain county last November and took the office last January having served in office only about 8 months.

Before moving to Mexico the family lived on a farm near Rush Hill. Mr. Stephens was a good man, he and his family were possessed of sterling qualities. All Mexico and the entire county is pained to hear of his death.

## HOLLENSVILLE ITEMS

Hollensville, Mo., Sept. 7.—Dave Roberts is making a new concrete cellar.

There will be an ice cream and oyster supper at Olivet church next Saturday night. Everybody invited to attend.

The entertainment given by Midway C. W. B. M. Sunday night was good and enjoyed by a big crowd. The play, "Christ for Every Woman and Every Woman for Christ," was well given. The talk, "The Child in the Midst," given by Mrs. Taylor Dowell, showed the conditions and needs of the child in heathen lands. The paper, "Woman's Missionary Work Required," by Mrs. J. W. Blum, proved the child in heathen lands. The paper, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Miss Dora Cauthorn went Monday to enter McMillan High at Mexico.

## RUSH HILL.

Prof. C. V. Ford and Miss Anna Miller began their school here last week. Everything is in good working order by this time.

We hear the new Community church took in \$25.00 Saturday night at their supper. The Methodist people are going to serve ice-cream and fried chicken next Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Mechlin have just returned from a month's visit in the West.

Mr. Brown and family of Illinois visited Mrs. Brown's sister, Mrs. Walter, several days. Joe Kanable brought them over in a "Tin Henry."

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